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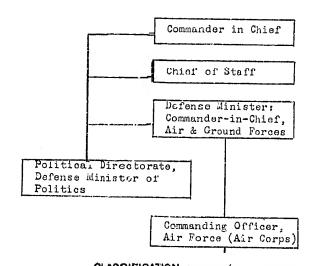
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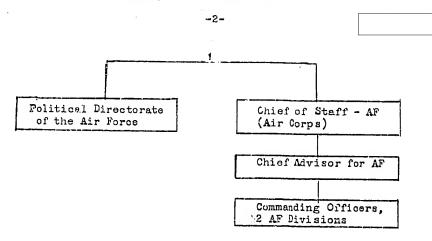
The Commander in Chief and Chief of Staff in the Hungarian Ministry of Defense are both Soviet air force officers; neither can speak Hungarian. They are Colonel /fnu/ Kovacsovic and Colonel /fnu/ Dimitrov, respectively. Colonel Kovacsovic is Mongolian in appearance. At the time, he was selecting promising pilots for positions on his staff. He organized the Hungarian Air Force in May 1949. As the most important man in Hungary he transmitted Soviet orders to President Matyas Rakosi concerning all matters, including taxes, farm production and politics. His chief of Staff, Colonel Dimitrov is not a milet mis influence in Hungary is second only to that of Kovacsovic. Among other things he acted as technical adviser on construction, use and repair of Soviet flying equipment. He was stout, pig-eyed, and be-medalled like a Christmas tree.

2. The Hungarian Defense Ministry chain of command is as follows:



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3. Characteristics of other officers, above, are outlined hereunder. All are Hungarian.

Janos Nogrady.

Defense Minister: C-in-C. Air and Ground Forces: General Colonel Mihaly Farkas.

(b) Political Directorate. Defense Minister of Politics. Major General

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(c) Commanding Officer, Air Force (Air Corps). Andras Zulka. rank unknown.

(d) Political Directorate of the Air Force. Colonel Karoly Vertes.

(e) Chief of Staff -- AF (Air Corps). A Lieutenant Colonel, name unknown whose chief function was to inspect air bases. His current Deputy is Barna Horvath, rank unknown

Chief Advisor for AF. Major Lajos Toth, the famous pursuit pilot. (f)

(g) Commanding Officers, 2 AF Divisions. Both are Majors. one Major Istvan Mezofy Kenskemet Air Base.

Hungary now has six flying regiments, three in each of the two Air Force Divisions. During war time, however, a Division would consist of four regiments.

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